

Cyclonic Twister Hits Lowell Injures Six

64 BODIES OFF TITANIC ARE FOUND FLOATING

New York, April 22. (Via Wireless from Cape Race, N. F.)—Sixty-four bodies of victims of the Titanic wreck have been recovered by the cable ship Mackay Bennett.

All have been identified and will be landed at Halifax and taken to New York within the next few days.

SOME BURIED AT SEA.
Other bodies, without identification marks of any kind, taken on board the Mackay Bennett, were buried at sea. They were in such condition that it would be impossible to take them to land.

This information was flashed tonight to the Cape Race wireless station from the Mackay Bennett, which is under charter to the White Star line to search the scene of the wreck for the bodies of the victims or to take any possible survivors from fishing boats that might have picked them up. The names of those whose bodies have been recovered have not been sent, but it is expected that they will be received at Cape Race tomorrow.

SHIP LADEN WITH COFFINS.

Mackay Bennett was chartered the day after the wreck and sent from Halifax to the scene. She was loaded with coffins and supplied with undertakers in addition to her crew.

J. Bruce Ismay tonight declared that the Mackay Bennett would remain on the scene of the wreck until the last hope of recovering more bodies had been exhausted. He said she would not attempt to take soundings or locate the exact spot where the Titanic went down, as the great liner had sunk in a spot where the water was 2,000 fathoms, or about two miles.

TWO OTHER SHIPS NEAR.

In addition to the Mackay Bennett, two other ships are hovering near the scene of the Titanic's wreck. They are the Bremen and the Rhein, German ships on their way to Europe. From the Rhein came the first news of bodies being seen in the vicinity. A wireless from the Rhein, intercepted and relayed by the Mackay Bennett, was to the effect that eight bodies had been seen on the ocean, in addition to debris and wreckage from the Titanic. Three icebergs were also sighted near the bodies.

COFFINS ARE WASHED ASHORE NEAR GARY

IDENTITY ESTABLISHED

The identity of the wrecked ship, debris of which were washed ashore last week, was established this morning, when Joseph Kasper and other employees at the Hammond pumping station picked up some life-savers marked "Flora M. Hill" on the shore.

The Flora M. Hill, a freighter, was foundered on the ice off the two-erth in Chicago and the occupants escaped by walking over the ice to the crib.

Last week, as mentioned in THE TIMES, a crate of canned goods and pieces of ship timber were picked up on the lake front.

More merchandise continues to be washed along the Calumet and Hobart township shore line of Lake Michigan after the report of the debris on the Hammond and Whiting branch, and Saturday and Sunday four coffins, scores of automobile tires, boxes of hosiery, mirrors and silk underwear were cast up by the waters. It is believed that the stuff came from the steamer Flora Hill, which got into trouble with Lake Michigan icebergs, off



Congressman H. D. Clayton, of Alabama, is chairman of the house judiciary committee which recently caused the arrest of Henry M. A. Page, a New York importer and British subject, charging him with criminal libel. Page is alleged to have issued a pamphlet in which he declared that "all congressmen are crooks." The trial will begin in Washington April 15, and will doubtless be sensational.

HAPPILY WEDDED FOR TWO YEARS; NOW LEARN THEY'RE BROTHER AND SISTER



After two years of happy married life, during which period two children were born to them, John Ruch, of Cincinnati, aged twenty-two, and his wife, aged twenty-four, were suddenly discovered to be half brother and sister. Their relationship had been kept a secret. Ruch's father always having said that Helen Hoffman was his adopted daughter. When proof was brought that the young couple were half brother and sister, they immediately went to the divorce court and were freed. The mother was given the custody of the two little children, but the father agreed to contribute to their support.

TELLS OF PLANS.

John G. Shedd was in Hammond today and told of plans for the building of a race track and automobile speedway in the vicinity of Roby, in the city of Hammond.

John G. Shedd is the owner of a large amount of property in the vicinity of Wolf river, and is a director in the Knickerbocker Ice Co. He said that it was proposed to have two race tracks at Roby, one within the other.

He said that the smaller inside track would be a turf track for horse racing and the outside course would be of brick and for automobile mile track and the brick track will be a two-mile track.

Mr. Shedd said that there was nothing definite about these projects except that they are projected and may be carried out if enough capital can be interested in the plan to put on the improvements. Mr. Shedd's land will be used.

WOMAN SHOVS MAN IN WATER OF DITCH

But After the Votes Were Counted Miss Brooks Was the Winner.

Miss Virginia Brooks was victorious in her fight for election to the office of president of the board of education of the south district in West Hammond and John J. Brehm was unanimously elected to the same office on the north side.

Miss Brooks' fight was won only after a scrap as those who were opposed to her put a number of candidates in the field. Running against Miss Brooks for the presidency of the board was Frank Wiland, who is said by Miss Brooks to be illiterate; Frank Titkow, a supporter of Miss Brooks, who did not know that his name was going on the ticket; and Constance Koboschka.

Miss Brooks found that she would have to call on the women to save the day for her and she did. The women came out in great numbers and it was their votes that elected Miss Brooks.

One of the women voters became incensed at the actions of Julius Lessner and shoved him into the water of a nearby ditch. There was considerable feeling displayed. The other members of the board are to be K. M. Woszcynski, mayor of the city of West Hammond, and John Byborczyk.

Brehm's election on the north side was in recognition of his service on the school board which has resulted in starting the building of a fine new school house.

Parker Gets Contract.

Vernie Parker, the Hammond teaming contractor, on Saturday closed for a ten thousand dollar contract with Proudfoot Bros. of Chicago for grading and road building work in Laporte.

NINE KILLED ACROSS THE RIVER

EYEWITNESS IN HAMMOND TELLS STORY

J. Will Belshaw of Lowell was in Hammond today and told of the terror of the tornadoes which swept Lowell yesterday. "I noticed a big twister coming towards our house at about 4 o'clock," said Belshaw. "I told my wife to take her three children and go into the cellar for safety."

"She was doing this when I noticed that the tornado turned to the northward and just grazed the edge of Lowell. I admit that I was greatly excited until I saw it turn in another direction. I believe that the loss of life in Lowell would have been terrible if it had not turned.

"I saw the black, funnel-like cloud destroying everything with which it came in contact. I saw trees two feet thick rooted up and others broken off. The tornado was filled with branches of trees, lumber from barns it had destroyed, and other things it had picked up.

"The tornado which was moving in a northeasterly direction. From reports that came in from other parts of the neighborhood, tornadoes were moving in other directions.

"This leads me to believe that there were a number of these tornadoes in various parts of the country. Each area of low pressure seemed to develop its own tornadoes.

"After the tornado passed, half of such enormous size came down that a number of windows in our house were broken. I have heard of half as large as hen's eggs. I do not believe these stories, but this hail was as large as a good sized hickory nut.

"The storm struck terror into the hearts of everybody who saw it, and I am confident that it had not been for the almost providential change in the course of the tornado that the village would have been destroyed. As it is, over \$100,000 worth of damage must have been done to the bar barns in the vicinity."

ERIE ORDER FOR IRON IS GIVEN OUT MILLER IS FEELING THE EFFECTS ALSO

As announced exclusively in THE TIMES last fall, the Erie railroad expects to move bag and baggage out of Hammond and build its yards, shops and coal storage warehouse on a site which was recently purchased to the northward of Crown Point.

THE TIMES today has several fresh developments in this matter. It is advised by A. B. Dickson, the general freight agent at Chicago, that the deal for the purchase of several acres of land from Charles Daugherty, Frank Meeker, Gottlin, Meyn & Co. and others has just been closed in New York.

In addition to this, The Railway Age Gazette today prints the following item: "The Erie has ordered 2,300 tons of structural shapes for a coal storage plant at Hammond."

Mr. Dickson explained that Hammond is not meant in the above item, but that the new coal storage plant, which would have a capacity of close to 250,000 tons of coal, will be built on the recently acquired ground at Crown Point.

He declared that the prospects that the present Erie Coal storage plant, which has been so objectionable to the neighborhood of Sohl street, would be moved out in the near future are good.

Regarding the Erie railway yards, which cut the city of Hammond in twain and result in the blockading of State and Sibley streets, he said that this might not take place for two or three years.

The new yards will not be built for some time at least. The purchase of the site for new yards will be welcome news to the people of Hammond, however, and will mean a great development in that section of the city, which has stood still for the past ten years on account of the objections that have been raised to the Erie yards and coal storage warehouse.

On the other hand, Crown Point at last will become a railroad town and large numbers of the men employed in the yards, shops, etc., will live at the county seat.

Steal Sunday Feed.

George Steles, residing on Doty street, reported to the police yesterday afternoon that some one had broken into his ice box some time Saturday night and stole in the neighborhood of \$14 worth of provisions.

The police took up the case at once and learned that this was the third time that the ice box had been robbed. Although he does not know for certain, Mr. Steles suspects a certain party.

WHY ARE YOU NOT A TIMES READER?

IMMENSE DAMAGE IS DONE TO PROPERTY

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Lowell, Ind., April 22.—A cyclone beginning somewhere in Illinois and sweeping in a northeasterly direction, cutting a swath from twenty to fifty miles in width, spent itself in Lake County, after having done thousands of dollars worth of damage, in and around Lowell.

Many Have the Narrowest Escapes.

Telephonic and telegraphic communication has not yet been entirely re-established, but as far as is known now, there were no human lives lost in the Lake County territory. Dozens of people however had narrow escapes and at Morocco in Newton county nine persons were crushed to death in the ruins of their homes.

Damage Runs Into Thousands.

At Grant Park on the C. E. & L. railroad on the Illinois side west of Lowell, the Curtis Brick works were razed to the ground. Fifteen houses were torn from their foundations, one man Henry Banks killed and six people injured. The damage there is estimated at \$150,000.

In Lake county the damage will run into the thousands.

One Family Dug From Debris.

Some of the escapes that people living in the vicinity of Lowell had are miraculous.

The whole David Brickman family living on the Hummel farm north of town was in danger of being wiped out. Like a house of cards, the building crumbled together. Brickman did not happen to be in the house at the time, but when he heard the crash, he at once began to dig his family from the debris expecting to find every last one dead.

Finds Them All Alive and Unhurt.

He found them all alive, somewhat the worse for their experience, but without fatal injuries. Even a two weeks old infant escaped. The mother and two other children were also saved.

Twister Starts About Six O'clock.

About six o'clock the storm broke in all its fury. The sky assumed a greenish cast and a terrific wind, rain and hail storm set in. Two funnel shaped clouds were seen bearing down on Lowell one of immense size while the other was much smaller. The narrow end of the funnel seemed to be dragging on the ground where it up-rooted everything in its path while the head of the cloud was rent with lightning.

Hail As Large As Hens' Eggs.

Thunder clap followed thunder clap and the lightning frequently found its mark. The funnel shaped clouds were rising and dipping and finally came together. Hail as large as a hen's egg smashed windows; innumerable trees were uprooted and snapped off; houses, barns, hen roosts, corn cribs and wind mills were either up-turned or demolished.

Storm Raged For Half Hour.

The storm raged like a water fall and the rain and hail were blinding. The storm continued for nearly half an hour, although the damage was done in a few minutes, and when the last clouds passed away, the sun set in splendor as it has not done this year.

The city of Lowell itself this morning showed plenty of evidence of the cyclone, although the damage here was not so bad as in the open country districts. Search parties were organized immediately after the storm to canvass the town for fatalities. The electric light and telephone service were put out of commission temporarily, but by this evening this service was largely established again.

Great Damage In Lowell.

Some of the isolated cases of cyclone damage in and around Lowell are as follows:

Mrs. Wheeler Wood, barn completely demolished.

Harry Alyea, new barn blown down and scattered to the winds, two new buggies demolished. A flying piece of timber struck a cow and knocked off one of her horns.

Seigel Hayden, old barn blown to atoms, new barn blown off foundation, and wrecked; outhouses demolished and forest trees uprooted and splintered; orchard ruined; residence building moved two inches off foundation and the windows in it smashed.

Charles Stephens, porch torn away.

windows smashed, cow, chicken and pig sheds demolished.

Buried Beneath Much Debris.

David Brickman, residing on the Hummel farm north of Lowell, house blown down, while Mrs. Brickman and her two weeks old infant lay in bed. She and three children buried under the debris, two year old baby cut in the neck and face, and ten year old daughter injured in the back. Mother and baby escaped practically uninjured. Brickman was not in the house when the cyclone struck it. He escaped injury. The barn containing horses and cows was completely destroyed. Big trees were either uprooted or snapped off like reeds.

Patrick Buckley, barn demolished and the debris carried fifty feet from the foundation.

House Shattered By Lightning.

William Jones, house struck by lightning and a moment later by the cyclone which moved it six feet from its foundation. Lightning bolt entered room in which Mrs. Jones was sitting and passed out through a window leaving Mrs. Jones unconscious on the floor and the room filled with electrical fire and sulphur. Mrs. Jones was revived and it is not believed that she will suffer permanent injury.

Charles Taylor, barn damaged and orchard destroyed.

August Weather, barn and windows smashed, little girl struck in the face by a flying nail.

Addison Clark, big barn demolished.

One Cow Killed In Wreckage.

Albert Foster, barn demolished and one cow killed.

Joseph Eich, living on the A. G. Plummer west of Lowell, barns and outbuildings ruined, farm having been in the direct course of the cyclone.

Jonathan Oster in West Creek township near state line, house and barn and other outbuildings demolished.

Henry Surridge, barn and other buildings damaged.

Telegraph and electric light poles were up-rooted and live wires on the ground set fire to corn stubble and fences.

Had the city of Lowell been hit with the same force that struck some of the farms west of town, fatalities would have been inevitable.

Scores Seek Shelter In Cellars.

Every frame building in the path of the unbridled elements trembled from roof to foundations. Scores of people sought shelter in their cellars realizing that an effort to save themselves elsewhere would have been folly. For most it was the first experience in a cyclone.

Many people saw the funnel shaped clouds, the lower end dragged like a rope and at times it seemed to be a crackler on a mighty whip.

There was no rain or hail in the lower end, for this part of the cloud was composed of dust and dirt and debris which were being whirled forward like a solid mass. Occasionally a piece of timber would fly off the

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MISS QUIMBY FLIES ACROSS CHANNEL



Miss Harriet Quimby.

Miss Harriet Quimby, the first woman in America to fly in an airplane, recently flew across the English channel from Dover to a point near Boulogne-Fur-Mer in France, making the trip in two hours. Miss Quimby is the first woman to make the perilous flight from England to the continent.